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(ST. LOUIS, MO) - Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-3) released the following statement in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who peacefully organized and preached for equality to a nation when the odds were stacked against him.

**"Throughout our community and across the nation, the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. should be justly recognized. We should celebrate diversity and the progress we have made because of his courageous work, but understand that progress is not static and never stands still.**

**"Sadly, throughout human history - even today - there are those who use our human differences to divide, demean, and discriminate against people because of how they look, speak, or worship.**

**"The truth is that diversity makes us stronger and better as a community. We know to achieve common good as envisioned by Dr. King that we must band together and be certain to continue sharing with future generations the message that all people must be given equal opportunities in life."**

- **Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-3)**

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was born January 15, 1929 and assassinated April 4, 1968. As designated by Congress, the third Monday in January, is a federal holiday in honor of MLK's life.*

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